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NORTH AMERICA

Three Wonderlands of the American West. By Thos. D. Murphy.

Pictures by Thos. Moran. 180 pp. Index. L. C. Page & Co., Boston, 1912.

\$3. $9\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{1}{2}$.

This is a narrative of the author's personal experience, in which the "See America first" slogan is tenaciously sounded. The prospective traveler about to tread the author's trails will obtain in these accounts a preliminary idea of the regions to be visited. Whether his goal be the Yellowstone National Park, the Yosemite Valley or the Grand Canyon he will undoubtedly be able to store preparatory knowledge that will help him to observe with greater accuracy.

The book has no claim to scientific worth. Its value would in no wise have been impaired had the attempt to give an idea of the geological agencies once at play in the Yosemite or the Grand Canyon been omitted.

Pike's Peak, the Garden of the Gods, and other noteworthy Colorado sites are briefly mentioned. Allusion is also made to some ancient Californian cloisters. A set of superb duogravures enlivens the text and helps impart a certain sense of the majestic grandeur of the scenery set before the reader's eyes. The same cannot be said of the color reproductions from original paintings. Fortunately the painter's reputation need not be founded on the riotous display intended to interpret his work. The present reviewer having trodden over the author's paths finds it hard to reconcile his retrospective thoughts of gorgeous yet sober coloring with the somewhat gaudy hues printed on these color plates.

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SOUTH AMERICA

A Study of the Question of Boundaries between the Republics of Peru and Ecuador. By Don Vicente Santamaría de Paredes. Translated by Harry Weston Van Dyke. 336 pp. Map. Byron S. Adams, Washington, D. C., 1910. $9\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{1}{2}$.

The strictly legal aspect of this political question is discussed in this work. The English edition before us is a translation from the original Spanish. It is an excellent study of some phases of the transition of Latin-American states from the colonial régime to the stage of national independence. The author has divided his discussion into two parts. The General Part comprises the antecedents and history of the boundary question, while the diverse questions embraced therein form the subject matter of a Special Part. The data and events recorded follow in chronological sequence, thereby facilitating thorough mastering of the case.

Although the book is meant for the jurist, the layman will find much of interest in the historical review of the insurrectionary movement leading to the formation of the Spanish-American states. An account of the origin of the so-called "Spanish-American public law" is also given. This law is taken as forming the legal basis to be adopted in the settlement of the points at issue.

The Special Part is subdivided into two sections dealing with the inter-colonial and international boundaries. The successive modifications of the political geography of that section of South America since the dawn of the XIXth century are reviewed. The evidence from all of the aforesaid considerations are resumed in 43 articles from which it is concluded "that the